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 ELEMENT AND METHOD OF FABRICATION



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the information identified herein are also provided.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the documents cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 and to the following copending, commonly owned U.S. patent applications (copies of the applications are enclosed):

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09/781,343	February 12, 2001

and to any prior art or other documents cited in said copending applications

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To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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